



ONE VERSE BRIDGE DIAGRAM

You can share the illustration in three parts.

PART 1: a) let them read Romans 6:23 as you write it at the top of the page. (Draw the two cliffs as shown).

b) Underline wages and write it as shown. Ask, "How would you define wages?" "That's right it is something we earn (or payment)."

c) Underline sin and write between cliffs. Ask "How would you define sin in your own words?" Write down their answer. Ask "How many people do you think have sinned?" "That's right we all have." "What does it say we earn because of our sin?"

d) Underline death and write it. Ask, "Do you think this is talking about a spiritual death or a physical death?" Get them to spiritual and ask, "What do you think spiritual death is? Explain that spiritual death is separation from God. That is separation here on earth and if we die being separated than that is eternal separation in hell. Ask, "Who deserves to go to hell." Show them through the verse that it is anyone who has sinned. Write man on one cliff and God on the other and use it to show the separation because God is Holy and we are sinful. Ask if that makes sense or if they have questions.

OBJECTIVE IN PART 1: Is to help them understand that they are sinful and separated from God.

PART 2: a) Underline gift and write it as shown. Ask, "What's the difference between a wage and gift?" "That's right a gift isn't earned but a wage is." "What does it say the gift of God is?" Ask what a person's 2 choices with a gift is, for example, if I wanted to give you this pen, what are your choices?" That's right you could accept it or reject it

b) Underline Eternal life and write it. Ask, "If death is separation from God and Eternal life is the opposite what would Et. Life be?" Explain that it is a relationship with God that will last forever. Contrast this gift with what we have earned for ourselves. Ask, "Who is this eternal life in?" "That is right in Christ."

c) Draw the cross as shown and explain that Jesus lived the life that we couldn't live, died the death that we earned for our sins and then rose from the grave. (Cross through sin) He did this so we might have Eternal life because our sin was keeping us from God. Ask if that makes sense or if they have questions.

OBJECTIVE IN PART 2: Is to help them see that God offers us eternal life as a free gift because Christ paid the penalty for our sins.

PART 3: a) Explain that the Bible says it is not enough to believe in Christ intellectually but each person must make an individual response.

b) Ask them, "If you died tonight, what percentage chance would you have of getting to heaven?" Write their % in the top left corner. Then ask, "If God were to ask you (their name), why should I let you into my heaven what would you say? Write their answer under their percentage.

c) Tell them that the Bible says that a person can be 100% sure. The Bible says that a person must Turn & Trust. Write it. They must decide to turn from a self directed life and Trust Christ. We must trust Christ for who He is: What is He called in this verse. That's right, Lord. "What is a Lord?" That's right, someone in control. One must trust Christ to be their Savior, trust in His death & resurrection for salvation and trust in Him to be their Lord and let Him take control of their life. Give short testimony of how you specifically trusted Christ (90 second testimony). then ask them if they would like to place their trust in Christ.

OBJECTIVE IN PART 3: Is to help them see that they need to individually place their trust in Christ and to tell them how. You must close the deal by asking, "Would you like to place your trust in Christ?"

